

#10 - 21 November

LGMA COP30 daily bulletin wireframe

Date:

Subject: COP30 Daily Update #10:

Small but important steps toward implementation

No Implementers, slow acceleration – Belém’s gap

Without implementers at the center, COP30 remains incomplete

Without implementers at the center, COP30 does not fully deliver

Without implementers at the center, COP30 falls short

COP30 Stalls without those who deliver on the ground

Preview:

[Quote]

Either from the closing plenary statement or basically the headline of our press release

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Final LGMA statement

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Yunus Arikan, ICLEI Director of Global Advocacy and LGMA Focal Point, recaps the latest from COP30’s final stretch. New texts on just transition, adaptation, and mitigation were released on 21 November, with talks ongoing and outcomes still uncertain. But Belém is already signaling a new era of implementation as the process moves toward COP31 and COP32.

LGMA COP30 Closing Plenary Statement: “The goal to make this the COP of Truth was the right one — but the target was not reached fully.”

On 22 November, the final day of COP30, the LGMA Constituency commended the COP30 Presidency, welcoming progress on the Mutirão text on cities and multilevel climate action, stronger references to multilevel approaches in mitigation and adaptation, and the creation of a Just Transition Mechanism. However, “Not putting the implementers at the heart of the Belém

Package slows the pace of national transitions at precisely the moment when we need it to accelerate,” said Yunus Arian, LGMA Focal Point.

Looking ahead, the LGMA looks forward to working with the COP30 Presidency and all other nations and partners to advance implementation toward the IPCC Special Report on Cities in 2027.

EVENT INVITE

We look forward to seeing you at the COP30 LGMA Debrief

On 10 December, we will debrief on all the outcomes of this COP and the implications for cities, regions and other subnationals. Register now!

Wednesday, 10 December

10:00 CET | [Register](#)

16:00 CET | [Register](#)

Important moments from COP30



[Local leaders hand over Joint Outcome Statement to UN Secretary-General António Guterres at COP30 World Leaders Summit](#)

The Statement, a result of the COP30 Local Leaders Forum, was handed over by a delegation of leaders, including the LGMA.



[LGMA opens COP with unified subnational call](#)

On 10 November, at the [LGMA joint press conference](#), the Constituency urged Parties to leave Belém with a legacy of multilevel governance and urbanization, and presented 50+ networks worldwide endorsing the LGMA COP30 Joint Position.



[Cities take the spotlight at COP30's Urban Day at the Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change](#)

After the Meeting, the COP30 Presidency, Brazil's Ministry of Cities, UNFCCC and UN-Habitat jointly released the [Summary of the Chair](#), underlining that a credible path to the Paris Agreement's goals and a climate-resilient future depends on multilevel, multisectoral cooperation.



[COP30 Presidency press conference puts cities and states at the center](#)

On 11 November, COP30 CEO Ana Toni and Brazil's Minister of Cities Jader Barbalho Filho led a press conference, joined by Katrin Stjernfeldt Jammeh, Mayor of Malmö and ICLEI President,

and California Governor Gavin Newsom, co-founder of the Under2 Coalition, to discuss accelerating climate solutions amid the climate emergency and complex political contexts.



[High-Level Opening from the Cities & Regions Hub](#)

On 12 November, the Cities & Regions Hub - home for urbanization and multilevel action at COP30 - hosted a high-level event bringing together leaders across levels of government and sectors. The Hub was part of the first Neighbourhood of the Mutirão for Cities, Water and Infrastructure, located in the Blue Zone.



[Belém's Mayor brings LGMA call to COP30 High-Level Segment](#)

"Multilevel and urban collaboration within the UNFCCC is essential for us to advance towards the much-discussed climate resilience and environmental preservation," said Igor Normando, Mayor of Belém, at COP30's High-Level Segment on 18 November.



Download the suite of
LGMA COP30 guidance
documents today



[LGMA Compendium of National Mobilization Strategies now available](#)

The Compendium serves as a showcase of practical examples of multilevel cooperation already driving implementation worldwide. It includes the CHAMP Coalition, Subnational Transition Plans, Town Hall COPs, and the Finance Your Cities Country Platforms for Localizing Finance (FYC CPLFs).



[Brazil's President Lula meets with local and regional leaders and hears LGMA negotiations proposal at COP30](#)

On 19 November, Brazil President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva met with local and regional leaders in a closed dialogue alongside Indigenous representatives, youth, and business stakeholders. Speaking on behalf of the LGMA Constituency, Mohamed Sefiani, Mayor of Chefchaouen, Morocco, communicated the LGMA's proposals to President Lula.



[LGMA interventions delivered throughout COP30](#)

From 10–21 November 2025, these interventions highlighted the role of cities, regions and other subnationals in shaping COP30 debates and outcomes.



[Leaders rally for LGMA Proposal in COP30's final stretch](#)

On 20 November, at the C40-organized press conference, mayors and networks joined together to emphasize the importance of the LGMA proposal being taken up in the draft outcomes.

Additional LGMA links

- [All the daily mailers](#)
- [Live from COP30 playlist](#)

Additional UNFCCC links

- Decision texts
- [UNFCCC COP30 Photo Albums](#)

Mark your calendars for COP31: 9 November to 20 November 2026

Cities & Regions Hub Logo soup

Thank you to all of the co-hosts and partners of the Cities & Regions Hub at COP30.

LGMA behind the scenes





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#9 - 20 November

LGMA COP30 daily bulletin wireframe

Date: 20 November

Subject: COP30 Daily Update #9: At the final stretch, all eyes on the outcomes

Preview: Pushing for a mandated framework on multilevel governance and urbanization

[Quote]

“In the lead up to today there have been strong words about bringing in the implementers but the current (draft) text reinforces the status quo and fails to move us towards implementation, as promised...For this to truly be the historic COP that accelerates implementation, a space for subnationals, urbanization and multilevel governance has to be recognized in the negotiated outcomes.”

Carlos de Freitas, FMDV, on behalf of the LGMA Constituency at the Global Climate Action High-Level Closing on 19 November.

Negotiations update

Press conference on multilevel cooperation for stronger COP outcomes

As we wait for new draft decisions to come from the COP Presidency today, Mayors and networks joined together for a press conference to emphasize the importance of the LGMA proposal being taken up in the draft outcomes. At the C40-organized press conference Eric Garcetti, Ambassador for Global Climate Diplomacy at C40 Cities, former Mayor of Los Angeles and US Ambassador to India and Mayor Mohamed Sefiani of Chefchaouen, Morocco, ICLEI Vice President and GCoM Regional Ambassador, were joined by Caterina Sarfatti, C40 Cities COP30 Head of Delegation, Yunus Arikan – Director of Global Advocacy at ICLEI, and LGMA focal point, and Champa Patel, Executive Director for Governments and Policy at Climate Group, made the case in COP30’s final stretch, urging for formal recognition of multilevel governance and urbanization.

Following subnational leaders meeting with President Lula late on 19 November, and as COP30 reaches a crunch point, mayors and local leaders held the press conference to call on the COP30 Presidency to ensure formal recognition of subnational governments in the outcomes, to truly reflect a global Mutirão Decision. Subnational implementation has been advancing for decades; now a formalized dialogue is needed to leverage and reflect these contributions within the UN process.

[Watch the press conference](#)

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Brazil's President Lula meets with local and regional leaders and hears LGMA negotiations proposal at COP30

President Lula yesterday had a closed meeting with Indigenous people, youth, business and subnational leaders. Representatives included Jader Barbalho Filho, Brazil Minister for Cities; Silvio Barros, Mayor of Maringá, Brazil; José Renato Ogawa Rodrigues, Mayor of Bacarena, Brazil; Luziane de Lima Solon Oliveira, Mayor of Benevides, Brazil; and Mohamed Sefiani, Mayor of Chefchaouen, Morocco. Mayor Sefiani spoke on behalf of the LGMA and communicated LGMA's proposals to the President. Later the [outcomes of the Local Leaders Forum](#) in Rio were presented.

LGMA to Parties: “This will not be the COP of Implementation without the implementers at the heart of it.”

On 19 November, at the Global Climate Action High-Level Closing Event - convened by the Climate High-Level Champions, the COP29 and COP30 Presidents, and the UNFCCC Executive Secretary - Carlos de Freitas, from FMDV – Global Fund for Cities Development, speaking for the Constituency, commended progress made but stressed that the current text reinforces the status quo and fails to move subnationals towards implementation.

[Read the intervention](#)

Cities are already adapting: Leaders at COP30 call for multilevel action on adaptation and resilience

On 19 November, leaders and experts convened to discuss how local leadership can influence global climate adaptation. Co-organized by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, ICLEI, and the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, the session highlighted that adaptation is local, but real progress depends on collective action, finance, and listening to communities.

[Read more](#)

LGMA partners’ initiatives spotlighted in COP30 Granary of Solutions

Initiatives led by Regions4, GCoM and ICLEI are now part of more than 300 climate solutions already delivering impact. Launched by the COP30 Presidency and the Climate High-Level Champions, the [Granary of Solutions](#) bridges the gap between ambition and implementation. By gathering proven initiatives from governments, businesses, communities and civil society, it serves as a “showroom” platform of what works, encouraging replication and supporting progress towards the Paris Agreement .

[Read more](#)

GREEN BOX

CITIES & REGIONS HUB | 16:30 BRT

Today, 20 November: Join us for the Closing of the Cities & Regions Hub

Presented jointly by the Brazilian Ministry of Cities, UN-Habitat and ICLEI, this high-level event marks the official closing of the Hub, bringing together leaders from all levels of government, partners, and experts to wrap up and celebrate a two-week program that created a dedicated

space for urbanization and multilevel climate action. Speakers will also reflect on COP30 upcoming outcomes and share an outlook towards COP31 and COP32.

 **When:** 16:30 BRT

 **Where:** Cities & Regions Hub | Blue Zone | PV-C101 - [Download the map](#)

Top headlines

<https://triplepundit.com/2025/us-states-companies-climate-action/>

PANORAPOST

COP30: Morocco calls for a global dialogue on multi-level climate action (in French)

<https://panorapost.ma/post.php?id=52967>

REPÓRTER PARÁ

Belém makes history and represents cities of the world at COP30 (in Portuguese)

<https://reporterpara.com.br/noticia/35355/belem-faz-historia-e-representa-cidades-do-mundo-na-cop-30>

CATALUNYA PRESS

Barcelona leads climate action at COP30: commitments to reduce methane and urban heat (in Catalan)

<https://www.catalunyapress.cat/article/barcelona/2025-11-18/5673478-barcelona-lidera-laccio-climatica-cop30-compromisos-per-reduir-met-i-calor-urbana>

Memorable moments from day 9



LGMA daily briefing.

#8 - 19 November

LGMA COP30 daily bulletin wireframe

Date: 19 November

Subject: COP30 Daily Update #8: Doubling down on inclusive, multilevel, gender-responsive, and cooperative action

Preview: Three more days to go at COP30

[Quote]

“I speak on behalf of the LGMA Constituency, which understands that **multilevel and urban collaboration within the UNFCCC is essential for us to advance towards the much-discussed climate resilience and environmental preservation**. There is no change without action; there is no kind of implementation if we do not all come together behind a single objective, which is to build a more fair and just planet.”

Igor Normando, Mayor of Belém, Brazil [speaking at the High-Level Segment \(HLS\) of COP30](#)

Negotiations update

With the finish line in sight, LGMA works to land a favorable negotiated outcome

The push to move from negotiation to implementation at COP30 has led to the strongest recognition of our work inside the negotiations in years.

On Tuesday, the COP30 Presidency released several draft documents of interest to the Constituency, including the “Mutirão” decision takes up the four big issues that, although not formally on the agenda, have been dominant in negotiations discussions, including emissions-cutting ambition, countries’ climate plans, climate finance and trade.

LGMA delegates are pushing for an outcome in this document that could move the dial on our inclusion into the formal processes of COP. Our goal is these negotiations mandate a process that includes subnational governments because truly effective climate action is action taken in coordination across different levels of government.

By end of the day Tuesday 18 November, the Constituency was working to land textual suggestions into a revised version of this decision.

Read [LGMA's suggestions for the revised Mutirão decision](#).

The situation is rapidly evolving. The revised text will land sometime this morning Brazilian time, with Brazil President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva set to arrive back at the Summit.

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A new chapter for climate federalism in Brazil: Lessons and legacy from the LGMA National Coordination Group for COP30

Brazil's pioneering multilevel coordination effort is reshaping multilevel governance and collaboration at home and inspiring global pathways. From the beginning, the intention of this group was to bring climate federalism to life: National, state and local actors aligning positions, sharing knowledge and building a unified narrative that could travel from the streets of Brazilian cities to the negotiation rooms of the UNFCCC.

By the time COP30 opened in Belém, this architecture was no longer just an idea. It had become a working mechanism with regular exchanges throughout the year, shared agendas and a growing sense of collective ownership.

[Read more>>](#)

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Video Link: <https://youtu.be/kOGjGQMyPqg>

Amelia Dearman, from C40 and GCoM, recaps Day 8, highlighting both progress and stalls in the negotiations, and looks ahead to Day 9 with expected outcomes for the inclusion of multilevel governance and urbanization in the Belém decisions.

LGMA raises questions to UNFCCC Executive Secretary in Town Hall intervention

At a Town Hall with the Executive Secretary, the LGMA Constituency raised two key questions: the feasibility of establishing a formal dialogue on multilevel and cooperative climate action, and where the upcoming 2027 IPCC Special Report on Cities will be discussed without such a mechanism. The LGMA is urging COP30 to create a structured process that recognizes subnational contributions and strengthens collaboration for global climate action.

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REPORT GREEN BOX

***Finance Your Cities* Country Platforms for Localizing Finance now included in LGMA's Compendium of National Mobilization Strategies**

The LGMA's Compendium of National Mobilization Strategies now contains four strategies with the inclusion of *Finance Your Cities* Country Platforms for Localizing Finance. These strategies strengthen collaboration between all levels of government and highlight how local and regional governments are shaping more ambitious and inclusive national climate plans. The Compendium serves as a showcase of practical examples of multilevel cooperation already driving implementation worldwide.

[Get the updated Compendium \(PDF\)>>](#)

Banco do Nordeste partners with ICLEI to scale up municipal climate investments

On 17 November, both institutions formalized a Memorandum of Understanding to expand local climate finance and strengthen the technical capacities of states and municipalities to design and implement sustainable development projects. The partnership creates a joint framework to identify priority green initiatives, improve public planning tools, and advance integrated territorial governance.

[Read the press release](#)

Top headlines

Cities Today

New insurance and finance tools to boost urban resilience

<https://cities-today.com/new-insurance-and-finance-tools-to-boost-urban-resilience/>

<https://www.talkingclimate.ca/p/what-the-world-has-gained-and-lost>

<https://www.fbcnews.com.fj/news/fiji-pushes-for-equitable-fossil-fuel-exit/>

<https://unhabitat.org/news/18-nov-2025/ministers-and-mayors-unite-in-belem-at-cop30-to-advance-climate-action-through>

<https://valorinternational.globo.com/cop30-brazil/news/2025/11/17/governors-seek-stronger-role-in-cop30-climate-talks.ghtml>

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India's urban poor drive climate action as COP30 calls for local leadership

<https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/energy-and-environment/indias-urban-poor-drive-climate-action-as-cop30-calls-for-local-leadership/article70294806.ece>

Memorable moments from day 8



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Urszula Kasperek, GCoM and C40, speaks at the CHAMP huddle at the Cities & Regions Hub.



Bianca Cantoni from ICLEI, at the Brazil National Coordination Group session.

#7 - 16 November

LGMA COP30 daily bulletin wireframe

Date: 17 November

Subject: COP30 Daily Update #7: Where we stand at the midpoint of COP30

Preview: Plenty of wins and plenty of work to do

[Quote]

“Working inclusively with Parties, sub-national actors, civil society, and the private sector, to develop a 1.5C response plan to address the pre 2030 action and ambition gaps.”

From the COP30 Presidency [Summary Note on Presidency Consultations](#), outlining places of Party alignment from Week 1

Week 1 of COP30 wrapped with clear wins for multilevel governance and urbanization

The newly released [COP30 Presidency's Summary Note on Week 1 consultations](#) signals promising ground for local and regional governments, calling for stronger engagement of non-state actors. As we enter Week 2, the focus shifts to concrete texts and outcomes, with the LGMA Constituency pushing for a strong COP30 legacy, including a mandated dialogue on multilevel governance and urbanization. Watch our special COP30 midpoint recap video with Goksen Sahin from ICLEI.

[Read the recap blog](#)

Midpoint recap on Climate Finance and Loss & Damage negotiations

As finance fights over Article 9.1, adaptation and Loss & Damage unfold under the Baku-to-Belém 1.3T Roadmap, cities and regions emerge as the missing link. Country platforms, flow-alignment and locally led approaches offer new levers, but explicit subnational access is still to be won. Carlos de Freitas from FMDV provides the LGMA negotiations updates on these two thematic agendas within the negotiations at the halfway point of COP30.

[Read more>>](#)

From local priorities to youth inclusive NDCs: What should COP30 deliver for youth?

17-18 November are COP30's days to elevate both planetary and community stewardship, with a spotlight on youth. For young people - and particularly YOUNGO, the official children and youth constituency within the UNFCCC process - COP30 is an opportunity to continue advocating for multi-generational priorities into the proceedings.

[Read more](#)



Germany's Minister for the Environment Schneider visits Gunnar Vingren Park to spotlight urban nature-based solutions in Belém

The visit, co-organized by IUCN, UNEP, ICLEI, BMUKN, and IKI, brought together key representatives, including Minister Carsten Schneider, Antônio da Costa e Silva, the National Secretary of Brazil's Minister of Cities, and Igor Normando, Mayor of Belém, and showcased the city's bold leadership in advancing biodiversity protection and climate resilience through nature-based solutions for climate adaptation (photo credit: IUCN).

[Read the press release](#)

Brazil leads new global effort to accelerate multilevel climate action

On 11 November, Brazil launched the Multilevel Governance Solutions Acceleration Plan (PAS). This initiative marks a new phase in global climate cooperation by institutionalizing integration across different levels of government and sectors of society as an essential condition for effectively implementing the Paris Agreement. Brazil and Germany were also announced as co-chairs of the Coalition for High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships (CHAMP) for Climate Action.

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FMDV / Carlos intervention

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SIDE EVENT

Today, 17 November: Multi-level Governance for Urban Climate Action

The UNESCO Chair on Urban Resilience, Nicola Tollin, and partner organizations are hosting an official side event, exploring the critical intersection between national climate policies and local climate action plans. Framed by the upcoming IPCC Special Report on Climate Change

and Cities, the event will showcase successful examples of alignment between national strategies and local action plans, highlighting innovative governance models, participatory planning, and mechanisms for finance and capacity-building. Speakers include Yunus Arian, LGMA Focal Point.



When: 15:00 BRT



Where: Side Event Room 1, Blue Zone

REPORT

Urban Content in NDC 3.0 — A global snapshot for COP30

In case you missed it, UN-Habitat's new report reveals that the number of national climate plans (NDC 3.0) with strong urban content has nearly doubled - signalling a global shift in the trend of including cities in national climate agendas.

[Read the report](#)

Top headlines

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[Brazilian governors demand active participation in COP30 and send a letter to the summit's president \(*Portuguese*\)](#)

CLIMATE CHAMPIONS

[Week One of 'Solutions COP' Delivers Trillion-Dollar Push to Boost Adaptation and Clean Energy, while Quadrupling Greener Fuels for Hard-to-Abate Sectors](#)

ABC News

[The Trump administration didn't send a delegation to COP30. How the US is maintaining a presence at the climate summit](#)

C40

[C40 Cities calls for COP30 to raise ambition and progress plan to phase out fossil fuels](#)

EARTH.ORG

[COP30 Week 1: Recap](#)

CLIMATE CHAMPIONS

["Cities are the climate avengers": Eric Garcetti on mayors, momentum, and the COP30 Action Agenda](#)

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Memorable moments from day 6

High-level delegation visited Gunnar Vingren Park in Belém. Photo credit: IUCN

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Caption: In the Cities & Regions Hub

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Caption: Session: The relevance of the New Urban Agenda in confronting climate change

Ideas for Monday:

- 1) Collaborative updates from all section writers
- 2) Analysis from Yunus (merge recap blog Matteo/Barbara)
- 3) Mid-COP update video from Matteo
- 4) Climate Champions' Food Systems Call to Action (TBC)
- 5) Carlos' finance statement

Multiple pathways supporting multilevel governance and urbanization converge in the opening days of COP30 (UNFCCC website)

FINANCIAL TIMES

[Gavin Newsom accuses Donald Trump of 'own goal' on climate change](#)

#6 - 15 November

LGMA COP30 daily bulletin wireframe

Date:

Subject: COP30 Daily Update #6: Actions needed today ahead of the first-week negotiations wrap-up

Preview: Turbo charging **subnational implementation to close the NDCs' ambition gap**

[Quote]

"Local Governments and Municipal Authorities urged Parties to 'turbo charge subnational implementation' in order to close the NDCs' ambition gap."

From yesterday's [IISD daily COP30 bulletin](#)

Negotiations update

Quick action needed from LGMA Constituents today

At the COP30 Presidency informal consultations on 14 November Friday, the COP30 Presidency invited Parties and stakeholders to submit their views by 11:00 Brazil time on Sat 15 November, where a specific discussion on "*Responding to urgency, accelerating implementation, solidarity and international cooperation*" is expected. We encourage all LGMA partners to reach to relevant contacts or UNFCCC national focal points so that they can also make submissions to include our text (as follows):

"Requests the [COP Presidency / Secretariat], in collaboration with the LGMA constituency, to convene a mandated dialogue on multilevel governance and urbanisation, through in-session workshops in conjunction with UNFCCC sessions to accelerate implementation at local and subnational levels and to close the ambition gap, and requests the Secretariat to prepare a report of the discussions by COP32, to facilitate the UNFCCC response to the IPCC Special Report on Cities due in 2027 and as an input to the Second Global Stocktake in 2028."

The below option can also be considered as a shortened version;

"Convene a mandated dialogue on multilevel governance and urbanisation, culminating at COP32, to accelerate implementation at local and subnational levels and close the ambition gap."

[Download the full text proposal \(PDF\)](#)

LGMA Constituency delegates have been working feverishly throughout the last two days to reach out to national focal points and negotiators, as well as LGMA COP30 Joint Position endorsers.

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Finance Your Cities Country Platforms for Localizing Finance take center stage at COP30 ahead of GCF session

At COP30, FMDV, the AMUF Alliance of African Ministers for Urbanization Financing, and the Global Alliance of Subnational Development Banks (SDBs) brought global attention to the [Finance Your Cities \(FYC\) Country Platforms for Localizing Finance \(CPLFs\)](#), highlighting them as a new generation of national systems that embed local and regional governments, mobilize SDBs, and create investable pipelines for territorial climate action. Dan Ioschpe, COP30 High-level Climate Champion also spoke at the session.

These outcomes align closely with the Green Climate Fund's new Locally Led Climate Action (LLCA) Guidelines and precede the GCF's hosting the launch of over 15 country platforms, with FMDV and its alliances preparing to present additional champion countries ready to adopt the CPLF formula.

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[VIDEO LINK](#)

Asif Nawaz Shah, from GCoM and C40 Cities, recaps negotiations pertaining to the Constituency on Day 5 in Belém. He outlines the ask LGMA is now actively taking to Parties, as negotiations under the Subsidiary Bodies conclude, and we await the release of draft texts moving into Week 2.

See every LGMA Live from COP30 update>>

LGMA makes the case for multilevel governance and urbanization at the COP30

President's Townhall Meeting

On 14 November, at COP30 President's Townhall Meeting with Observers the LGMA called on Parties to secure a strong legacy of multilevel governance and urbanization by formally mandating a dialogue that involved subnational and local governments in the UNFCCC process. "This ask represents an offer and opportunity for partnership – by supporting this dialogue, we can turn your vision of unity across all levels of government into a more sustainable and

impactful mechanism for global climate action,” said Asif Nawaz Shah, CHAMP Head of Impact and Global Partnerships, GCoM and C40 Cities, speaking for the Constituency.

[Read the intervention >>](#)

Multiple pathways supporting multilevel governance and urbanization converge in the opening days of COP30

As COP30 kicked off, so did its thematic days, with 10 and 11 November marking Cities Day. Outcomes from these engagements, along with related announcements, are featured on the UNFCCC official website.

[Check the website >>](#)

High-level delegation explores locally-led resilience solutions in Barcarena during COP30

On 13 November, high-level delegates visited Barcarena, State of Pará, Brazil, for an immersive experience on Urban Resilience and Disaster Risk Reduction in the Amazon, organized as part of the COP30 parallel agenda. Co-hosted by the Municipality of Barcarena, UNDRR, and Brazil’s Ministry of Cities, the visit offered an on-the-ground look at how Amazonian cities are advancing resilience through education, community engagement, and nature-based solutions. Barcarena was among the 12 winners of the [2025 Bloomberg Philanthropies Local Leaders Awards](#), announced during the COP30 Local Leaders Forum in Rio on 4 November.

[Read more >>](#)

CEMR and PLATFORMA to host an online Town Hall COP

This online event will discuss continued decarbonization efforts at international, European, national, and local levels, in line with the Paris Agreement. Join on **19 November, 14:00 CET**.

[Register](#)

COP30 Cities & Regions Hub artist: An invitation to “see the city as a living, pulsating organism full of stories”

Meet the artist behind the vivid one-of-a-kind illustrations (created with acrylic paint and marker brush) at the COP30 Cities & Regions Hub: **Daniel Jacaré**, a trained architect and urban planner who “invites us to see the city not only as a collection of beautiful monuments, but as a living, pulsating organism full of stories.”

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HANDBOOK / GREEN BOX

CityFood Market Handbook 2nd Edition Launches at COP30

On 14 November, ICLEI launched the second edition of the CityFood Market Handbook for Healthy and Resilient Cities, a practical guide designed to help local governments transform food markets into engines of food security, nutrition, and urban resilience. Now available in Portuguese, Spanish, and English, the second edition adds 15 new real-world case studies—bringing the total to 31—from cities across Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas.

[Read more and download the Handbook >>](#)

REPORTS / GREEN BOX

New guidance reports for South Africa launched at COP30 provide insights for many Global South cities

The electricity sector in South Africa is evolving deeply, and it is critical that municipalities evolve alongside. ICLEI Africa's new report provides guidance on local government positioning in the sector to enable and enact local just energy transitions.

Download the reports:

[Financing and ownership models for municipal embedded generation](#)

[Navigating the regulatory landscape for early-stage embedded generation projects](#)

Hong Kong showcases climate progress and green finance vision at COP30

On 11 November, at the China Pavilion side event “Converging Innovation in Hong Kong: Forging a Resilient City and a Global Green Finance Hub,” the Secretary for Environment and Ecology, Mr. Tse Chin-wan, highlighted Hong Kong’s rapid decarbonization, green transport expansion, and ambition to reach carbon neutrality before 2050. Among speakers were ICLEI Secretary General, Gino Van Begin, and the President of the BRI International Green Development Coalition, Zhao Yingmin.

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Top headlines

DW

Brazil: What COP30 means for the people of Belem

<https://www.dw.com/en/brazil-what-cop30-means-for-the-people-of-belem/a-74706250>

WRI

STATEMENT: COP30 Elevates Major Efforts to Unite Local, Regional and National Governments on Climate Action

<https://www.wri.org/news/statement-cop30-elevates-major-efforts-unite-local-regional-and-national-governments-climate>

Memorable moments from day 5





Barcarena site visit

Caption: Watching the Finance Your Cities Country Platforms for Localizing Finance session:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/icleiglobal/54924294884/in/album-72177720330325797/>

Caption: ICLEI South America and friends celebrate at COP30

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/icleiglobal/54924101096/in/album-72177720330325797/>

Potential things for the mailer:

<https://cop30.br/en/news-about-cop30/brazil-leads-new-global-effort-to-accelerate-multilevel-climate-action>

GGA negotiations?

Granary of solutions from LGMA

Artist profile

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#5 - 14 November

LGMA COP30 daily bulletin wireframe

14 November / 12:00 CET - 08:00 BRT

Subject: COP30 Daily Update #5:

Preview:

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Negotiations Update

As negotiations continue to unfold at COP30, the LGMA Constituency has coalesced around a request to Parties to take up proposed text to include a legacy of multilevel governance and urbanization. **Constituency members are encouraged to reach out to Party representatives with this proposed text.**

>>[Download the proposal](#)

This means that the outcomes of COP30 Cities Day are now being translated into the negotiations through two complementary processes. We propose that the text be incorporated into COP30 negotiations on NDCs, and it can be customized for global stocktake, just transition and adaptation, and other agendas as appropriate. Additionally, **the COP30 Presidency, Brazil's Ministry of Cities, UNFCCC and UN-Habitat have jointly released the [Summary of the Chair for the Fourth Ministerial Meeting for Urbanization and Climate Change \(PDF\)](#)** which will be circulated to Parties.

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THC session

IMAGE: FAMILY PHOTO [HERE](#) OR CHECK FLICKR

Town Hall COPs introduce an innovation multilevel governance model at COP30

The global Town Hall COP initiative landed at COP30 on 13 November, with two sessions highlighting the approach as a new tool for multilevel governance and urbanization. In an Axis 4 Action Agenda side event, Town Hall COPs were featured in a showcase of highlighted results and solutions for a new era of climate action through multilevel collaboration. Leaders from all levels of government convened in the Australia Pavilion for a session including Pacific Town Hall COPs. And in the Cities & Regions Hub yesterday, we heard from hosts from everywhere from Argentina to South Africa to Japan to Australia, how Town Hall COPs are providing a new pathway for connecting climate action at all levels.

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Pacific Local Action Agenda: Elevating inclusion in urban climate action

[Read more >>](#)

Read a new report on South Africa's Town Hall COPs, launched at COP30

[Get the report >>](#)

Check out the results from a year of Town Hall COPs

[Watch the video>>](#)

Get the LGMA's Compendium of National Mobilization Strategies, featuring Town Hall COPs

[Download the Compendium>>](#)

Live from COP

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Subnational call to action: Accelerate the just transition away from fossil fuels

Under2 Coalition Secretariat – Climate Group issued a call for COP30 to advance multilateral progress on the single biggest driver of climate impacts: Fossil fuels. Building on the inaugural COP28 commitment to a planned transition away from fossil fuels, Parties should now move from principle to practice. The Statement has been endorsed by all four Co-Chairs of the Under2 Coalition: the Scottish Government, United Kingdom; Chungcheongnam-do Province Government, Republic of Korea; Western Cape Government, South Africa; and the Government of the State of Querétaro, Mexico.

[Read the call to action >>](#)

International operationalization of the “Country Platform for Localizing Finance – Finance Your Cities” in Cameroon

At the Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change, H. E. Martin Mbeng, Ambassador of Cameroon to Brazil, officially launched the Finance Your Cities (FYC) Cameroon CPLF on the international stage. This significant milestone is supported by the FMDV, the European Union, and UCLG.

Since the launch of the pilots in Cameroon and Madagascar earlier this year, FYC CPLFs have already mobilized USD 1 million for readiness and USD 10.6 million for project design, feasibility, and implementation, with **71 local and regional governments** already engaged in prioritizing pipelines for resilient infrastructure, focusing on projects such as coastal resilience, reforestation, waste management, and flood-risk reduction.

[Read the full update»](#)

[More about FYC CPLFs»](#)

UNEP launches Food Waste Breakthrough to halve global food waste by 2030

On 13 November, the UN Environment Programme and partners launched the Food Waste Breakthrough, a [2030 Climate Solution](#) under the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action that aims to halve global food waste by 2030 and cut up to 7% of methane emissions. Throughout COP30, ICLEI is showcasing how cities can help deliver this ambition. Today, **14 November**, ICLEI will spotlight urban food system resilience and launch the second edition of the *CityFood Markets Handbook for Healthy and Resilient Cities* at the [Food Roots and Routes Pavilion at 13:30 BRT](#).

[Read more about the Food Waste Breakthrough >>](#)

REPORT

Regions4 launches RegionsAdapt Progress Report 2025 at COP30

The RegionsAdapt Progress Report 2025, “Financing Adaptation Where Change Happens: Scaling subnational action to close the gap,” offers an in-depth look at where regions stand today on adaptation finance – the challenges they continue to face, the solutions they are already implementing to fund climate-resilient territories, and key recommendations to scale up action and investment where resilience is built.

[Download the report >>](#)

Top headlines

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[Op-ed: Why Cities Are the Future of Climate Action](#)

TheCityFix

[Advancing Local Climate Action for Ambitious NDCs 3.0](#)

WRI

[Despite Some Progress, Countries’ New Climate Plans Largely Fall Short](#)

CLIMATE GROUP

[States and regions meet in Brazil to champion methane reduction ahead of COP30](#)

THE GUARDIAN

[Fossil fuel lobbyists outnumber all Cop30 delegations except Brazil, report says](#)

Memorable moments from day 4



Session hosted by UN-Habitat and the Government of Azerbaijan on housing the world in a changing climate, ahead of the 13th World Urban Forum in Baku in 2026.





Simon Stiell, UNFCCC Executive Secretary and Dan Ioschpe, COP30 High Level Climate Champion met with business and subnational leaders including Rio de Janeiro, Grenoble, Cordoba, Onkaparinga, Tswoplele supported by C40, GCoM, ICLEI, SALGA and Under2.

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Philho: I urge national, subnational and local governments to

work together to identify ambitious and formal mechanisms that will lead to quantifiable implementation of the multilevel governance and sustainable urbanization agenda for climate action. I also urge to advance mechanisms to enhance access to climate finance for local actors, in line with the Compromiso de Sevilla and the Sevilla Platform for Action on localizing development finance. I suggest that we hear an update on the progress made on the points above at the 13th World Urban Forum in May 2026

[Read more >>](#)

On 12 November, leaders from all levels of government convened at Australia's National Pavilion for a high-level workshop highlighting multilevel collaboration, Indigenous leadership and intergenerational participation as essential components of NDC 3.0 development through Town Hall COPs. Attended by Philip Yang, COP30 Special Envoy for Urban Solutions, the event showcased experiences from Town Hall COPs held in the City of Adelaide, Greater Sydney and Kiribati, which adopted the Ikarekebai Declaration – a powerful call for “collective responsibility” to the climate emergency.

Event by [Climate High-Level Champions](#)

On 13 November (17hrs), the Climate-Proofing SMEs campaign, launched by the COP29 Climate High-Level Champion, is empowering ambitious SME climate action.

This special event will convene businesses, investors and government leaders to showcase campaign outcomes, amplify the critical role of SMEs at the frontline of a low carbon and resilient economy and explore plans to scale efforts in the new Action Agenda structure.

The Climate-proofing SMEs campaign calls on major corporate and financial actors to enhance support for SMEs to ensure that they not only survive but thrive in the race to a healthier, more prosperous and resilient world.

By creating a connected support ecosystem for SMEs to provide guidance and knowledge-sharing opportunities, the campaign connects global best practices with local networks and needs.

To showcase and celebrate the ambition and actions of climate-smart small businesses, the campaign encourages SMEs to join the Race to Zero and Race to Resilience

#4 - 13 November

LGMA COP30 daily bulletin wireframe

13 November / 12:00 CET - 08:00 BRT

Subject: COP30 Daily Update #4: Strategies to engage with subnationals

Preview: Plus a new 58 million safety net for cities

QUOTE

“What’s not reflected in a climate plan often doesn’t get implemented. Including urban priorities — from housing and land to transport, services, and resilience — in national climate commitments opens the pathway for delivery. Local and regional governments must be recognized as key implementers and partners in achieving these goals.”

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[LGMA Compendium of National Mobilization Strategies now available](#)

The LGMA has released a Compendium of National Mobilization Strategies, as a complementary guidance document to the LGMA Joint COP30 Position and Guidance Document for Negotiators. This new resource to strengthen collaboration between all levels of government on the road to COP30. The publication highlights how local and regional governments are shaping more ambitious and inclusive national climate plans and showcases practical examples of multilevel cooperation already driving implementation worldwide. It is both a call to action and a roadmap for ensuring national commitments reflect local realities and deliver tangible results.

Download the full suite of LGMA COP30 Guidance documents:

[LGMA Joint Position](#) | [LGMA Guidance for Negotiators](#) | [LGMA Compendium of National Mobilization Strategies](#)

High-Level Opening from the Cities & Regions Hub

The Cities & Regions Hub - home for urbanization and multilevel action at COP30 - hosted a high-level event bringing together leaders across levels of government and sectors. Jader Barbalho Filho, Brazil’s Minister of Cities; Anacláudia Rossbach, UN-Habitat Executive Director; Mayor Katrin Stjernfeldt Jammeh, ICLEI President, and Hub partners highlighted the Hub as a central space for exchange, advocacy, coordination, partnership and capacity-building within COP30. They also discussed how to accelerate local climate solutions and chart a collective path forward in response to the *Global Mutirão* call for action.



At COP30, ICLEI and KfW scale up safety net for cities in Latin America and the Caribbean to €58 million, linking disaster risk insurance with adaptation finance

At COP30, ICLEI together with the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and KfW, the German Development Bank, launched the next phase of ProUrbano, its pioneering urban resilience finance program in Latin America and the Caribbean. The initiative brings together two complementary facilities to help cities protect people, infrastructure, and livelihoods. Already implemented in ten cities across four countries, the new phase will co-design strategies to pool risks, access insurance, and finance adaptation projects based on real data and local priorities.

[Read the press release >>>](#)

Live from COP

Pablo Mariani from UCLG, recaps the past three days at COP, highlighting a successful session on climate justice and ongoing work on the Loss and Damage narrative to ensure local and regional governments have a voice in the fund. Matteo Bizzotto from ICLEI underscores yesterday's ICLEI milestone announcement of ProUrbano and invites everyone to today's Town Hall COP session at the Cities & Regions Hub at 13:30 BRT.

Under2 Coalition celebrates a decade of subnational climate leadership with new report: Keeping the Paris Agreement alive

Coinciding with the Coalition's launch at COP21 in Paris, the 10th anniversary report shows how nearly 200 states and regions have become an indispensable engine for delivering global climate goals, through real world case studies and set priorities for the next decade ahead.

[Watch the intervention by Gavin Newsom](#), Governor of California and co-founder of the Under2 Coalition, marking a transatlantic partnership for climate action between California and the German State of Baden-Württemberg.

[Read more about the anniversary >>](#)

Cities and regions driving climate and biodiversity integration: Tools for action

Co-organized by ICLEI's Cities Biodiversity Center (CBC) and Regions4 as a COP30 Action Agenda event, the session showed how local and subnational governments are using concrete tools to connect climate, biodiversity and land restoration and deliver measurable results.

Speakers emphasized the role of cities and regions in implementing the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and learning from each other's adaptation efforts, with real-world examples from Gauteng, South Africa; Malmö, Sweden, and the State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

[Read more >>](#)

Former U.S. Ambassador Nina Hachigian supports ICLEI USA to strengthen U.S. local diplomacy

At the COP30 Local Leaders Forum, ICLEI USA announced that former U.S. Ambassador Nina Hachigian, the first U.S. Special Representative for City and State Diplomacy and former Los Angeles Deputy Mayor for International Affairs, will serve as a Senior Advisor to the ICLEI USA Board. Through this collaboration, ICLEI USA and Ambassador Hachigian will strengthen connections between U.S. local governments and their international peers, creating more opportunities for shared learning and joint action on climate and sustainability.

[Read more >>](#)

PUBLICATION

Banking the Last Mile: A Casebook of Subnational Development Banks Delivering Local Climate Finance

Launched yesterday at COP30, this groundbreaking Casebook from FMDV and the Global Alliance of Subnational Development Banks (SDBs) is a must-read for anyone interested in understanding how to localize and channel the \$1.3 trillion in climate finance into cities and regions. Aligned with the LGMA Guidance on Climate Finance, the Casebook emphasizes one of the four core pillars for localizing climate finance: "Empowering National and Subnational Development Banks for Climate Finance Intermediation."

[Read the Casebook >>](#)

REPORT

No Time To Waste: Improving waste management in African cities

Launched at COP30, ICLEI Africa's new report responds to the urgent waste challenge in African cities, highlighting practical, context-appropriate solutions –from composting and small digesters to modular transfer stations and mobile recovery hubs – that help scale circular value chains within real capacity and budget constraints.

[Download the report>>](#)

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[Minister of Cities Helder Barbalho highlights the importance of subnational governments at COP30](#) (in Portuguese)

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[Azerbaijan calls for multi-level cooperation in urban planning at COP30](#)

CLIMATE HIGH-LEVEL CHAMPIONS

[COP30: Yearbook of Global Climate Action shows real-economy momentum](#)

Photo Gallery

Ariel's suggestions:

From the session *Restore mangrove eco-systems, unlock blue carbon potential – integrate climate and nature action in cities*

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Launch of ProUrbano

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The Cities & Regions Hub art at COP30

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Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change.



Climate and biodiversity event, co-organized by ICLEI CBC and Regions4.



Either of these for ProUrbano launch?

*** if we are missing photos, we can also include one from the UCLG session in the first day flickr album (pablo, from UCLG talks about it in the video)

Just for reference, the one below (nicer pics on flickr)

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#3 - 12 November

LGMA COP30 daily bulletin wireframe

12 November /12:00 CET - 08:00 BRT

Subject: COP30 Daily Update #3: Clear wins for cities and regions wrap COP30 Urban Days

Preview: Join the Cities & Regions Hub High-Level Opening

QUOTE:

"I believe the actions of cities are the big news of COP30."

Ana Toni, COP30 CEO at COP30 Presidency Press Conference on 11 November.

IMAGE: [family photo](#)



Cities take the spotlight at COP30's Urban Day at the Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change

On 11 November, the fourth Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change brought together ministers, mayors, governors, and partners to accelerate climate action in cities and regions.

The high-level plenary marked the close of COP30's Urban days and delivered clear outcomes: Commitments to localize NDCs, scale up finance, strengthen multilevel governance, and act on urban heat, housing, and nature.

UN-Habitat also released [new analysis showing that the number of national climate plans \(NDC 3.0\) with strong urban content has nearly doubled](#) - signalling a global shift from planning to implementation in cities.

Ms. Katrin Stjernfeldt Jammeh, Mayor of Malmö, Sweden and President, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability delivered the [intervention](#) at the Ministerial on behalf of the LGMA Constituency.

While the day's press conference was cancelled due to a temporary building evacuation, the message of the day was clear: Cities and regions are essential to delivering climate goals.

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<https://cop30.br/en/news-about-cop30/cities-take-center-stage-in-cop30s-climate-agenda>

BOX LIVE FROM COP

IMAGE: Lea and Cerin thumbnail



Lea Ranalder and Cerin Kizhakkethottam, both from UN-Habitat, recap the Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change. Matteo Bizzotto, from ICLEI, previews Day 3 at COP30 featuring today's high-level event at the Cities & Regions Hub, as well as a major announcement from ICLEI and KFW.

Open Dialogue with Observers

LGMA to Parties: Just Transition must be people-centered and locally led

On 11 November, at the COP30 Presidency's Open Dialogue with Parties and NGO Constituencies, the LGMA called on Parties to formally recognize local and subnational actors as indispensable partners in implementing just transition policies and programs. "The Just Transition is not merely about sectors and economies; it is, first and foremost, about people," said Dorah Marema of the South African Local Government Association (SALGA), speaking for the Constituency.

[Read the intervention >>](#)

LGMA calls to deliver an urban legacy at COP30 Opening Plenary

Delivered by Rafael Fonteles, Governor of Piauí and President of Consórcio Nordeste, the LGMA intervention called for a “*strong legacy for multilevel and urban collaboration.*” This legacy must connect local action with global ambition and prepare the UNFCCC community to welcome the IPCC Special Report on Cities in 2027.

[Read the intervention >>](#)

COP30 Presidency announces Germany and Brazil as the first CHAMP Co-Chairs and a new Plan to Accelerate the Solution (PAS) on Multilevel Governance

At a high-level ministerial session of the Fourth Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change at COP30, the Government of Brazil unveiled two milestones to advance multilevel climate governance: the launch of the Plan to Accelerate the Solution (PAS) on Multilevel Governance and the announcement of a new co-chair governance framework for the [Coalition for High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships \(CHAMP\)](#), to be jointly led by Brazil and Germany until 2027. According to [Simon Stiell, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC](#): “CHAMP must now become part of how every country prepares and implements its climate plan – aligning national vision with local execution...National governments commit to big infrastructure projects but local leaders want to see shovels in the ground.”

[Read more >>](#)

COP30 Presidency Press Conference puts cities and states in the spotlight

On 11 November, the COP30 Presidency held a press conference led by Ana Toni, COP30 CEO, alongside Jader Barbalho Filho, Brazil’s Minister of Cities. Together with Katrin Stjernfeldt Jammeh, Mayor of Malmö and ICLEI President, and Gavin Newsom, Governor of California and co-founder of the Under2 Coalition, they shared insights on how to accelerate climate solutions amid the climate emergency and complex political contexts.

[Watch the webcast >>](#)

[Highlighted title](#)

The LGMA Delegation at COP30

This year, the LGMA has mobilized a delegation of nearly 200 participants, composed of elected local and subnational leaders from five continents, as well as their representatives and LGMA partners. The delegation will drive an ambitious agenda through two weeks of action and advocacy in Belém.

BUTTON: See the list of the LGMA Delegation | LGMA Agenda

[Highlighted event \(green box\)](#)

CITIES & REGIONS HUB OPENING | 10:00 BRT

Today, 12 November: Join us for the high-level event: Accelerating Multilevel Climate Action and Urbanization

Presented jointly by the Ministry of Cities of Brazil, UN-Habitat and ICLEI as the focal point of the LGMA Constituency, the event will convene leaders across levels of government and experts to accelerate local climate solutions and chart a collective path forward in response to the Global Mutirão call for action and building on the Ministerial Meeting's outcomes. The event also marks the official opening of the Cities & Regions Hub, the home for multilevel action and urbanization at COP30.

Beat the Heat: Sustainable cooling and heat resilience solutions for cities worldwide

At the COP30 High-Level Session on Beat the Heat / Mutirão contra o Calor Extremo, the implementation phase of the Beat the Heat Implementation Drive was launched, aiming to accelerate the deployment of sustainable cooling and heat resilience solutions in cities worldwide, translating the Global Cooling Pledge into tangible action.

Read more:

<https://iclei.org/news/cop30-launch-of-beat-the-heat-sustainable-cooling-and-heat-resilience-solutions-for-cities-worldwide/>

Regions4 launches the Just Resilience Action Platform, a global initiative to build climate resilience

The Just Resilience Action Platform (JRAP), a global initiative supporting subnational governments in building just and people-centered resilience to climate change, was officially launched at COP30.

[Read the press release >>](#)

At COP30, new guidebook empowers cities to make climate action more equitable

ICLEI has launched a new guidebook helping cities put social equity at the heart of their climate work. "From Incentivizing to Empowering: A Practitioner's Guide to Equitable Climate Action in Cities" showcases how cities can turn inclusion from a goal into a daily practice.

[Read the press release >>](#)

Top headlines

Financial Times

California governor at COP30 attacks Trump on cost of climate policy rollback

<https://www.ft.com/content/3dc0ab08-c3f1-4f7b-827a-835e562ede9a>

DW

Trump is not going to COP30 in Brazil, but America is

<https://www.dw.com/en/trump-is-not-going-to-cop30-in-brazil-but-america-is/a-74662940>

POLITICO

Cities stand ready to lead the decade of delivery at COP30

<https://www.politico.eu/sponsored-content/cities-stand-ready-to-lead-the-decade-of-delivery-at-cop30/>

TRTWorld

At COP30, California governor Newsom torches Trump's record on climate and fossil fuels

<https://www.trtworld.com/article/574463e51db7>

GALLERY

Memorable moments from Day 2



COP30 Press conference



Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate

Change



Yunus Arikan, LGMA Focal Point, at the COP30 Presidency's Open Dialogue with Parties and NGO Constituencies.



Dorah Marema, South African Local Government Association (SALGA), at the COP30 Presidency's Open Dialogue.

#2 - 11 November

LGMA COP30 daily bulletin wireframe

SENT: 11 November /12:00 CET - 08:00 BRT

Subject: LGMA COP30 Daily Update #2: Subnational governments are key to implementing COP decisions

Preview: Join the Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change

QUOTE

“We are agile, we are adaptive, we move first. Give us more access to climate finance and we will see everyone meeting their net zero targets.”

Gillian Martin, Cabinet Secretary, Scotland; President, Regions4; European Co-Chair, Under2 Coalition at the LGMA press conference at COP30 on 10 November.

LGMA AT COP30 FEATURED:

IMAGE: LGMA Press Conference + play button



Cities and regions are at the heart of climate action implementation

As COP30 kicked off, cities, regions, local and subnational governments, and other non-Party stakeholders representing the LGMA Constituency opened COP with a joint press conference and press release to underscore their critical role in climate action, essential to preserving climate multilateralism and shifting the world from negotiation to implementation.

Elected leaders from all levels of government urged Parties to leave Belém having delivered a legacy of multilevel action and governance in the COP process. The LGMA Constituency also presented the 50+ local and regional government networks worldwide that have endorsed the LGMA COP30 Joint Position, representing tens of thousands of local and regional governments worldwide.

BUTTON: [Read the press release](#)



Meet the LGMA COP30 Joint Position endorsers

More than 50 local and regional government networks -representing tens of thousands of local and other subnational governments worldwide- have endorsed the Position, committed to multilevel implementation and urbanization. The LGMA Constituency welcomes and thanks all endorsers for their leadership and continued support.

BUTTON: [See the list of endorsers](#)

BOX OR HIGHLIGHTED TEXT

FULL DAY EVENT

Today, 11 November: Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change

Co-hosted by UN-Habitat, the Ministry of Cities of Brazil and the COP30 Presidency, the fourth Ministerial Meeting aligns with SDG 11 on Sustainable Cities, and will feature five events: Four thematic roundtables and a High-Level Closing Plenary, all focused on defining how we finance, govern, and scale climate action. ICLEI President Katrin Stjernfeldt Jammeh, Mayor of Malmö, Sweden, will deliver remarks on behalf of the LGMA Constituency.

Outcomes of the Ministerial will feed directly into Brazil's COP30 urban legacy, helping shape a delivery-focused and inclusive agenda for the decade ahead. They will be announced at a press conference at 19:00 BRT, webcast available [here](#).

BUTTON: [More about the Ministerial Meeting](#)

BOX - LIVE FROM COP30

IMAGE: Yunus' thumbnail



Yunus Arian, ICLEI Director of Global Advocacy and LGMA Focal Point, recaps the first day at COP30 and previews the second day, featuring the Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change.



Neighbourhood of the Mutirão for Cities, Water and Infrastructure opens in the Blue Zone

Officially inaugurated on 10 November in the Blue Zone and hosted by Brazil's Ministry of Cities, this interconnected neighbourhood of four pavilions places cities, infrastructure, buildings, cooling and water at the centre of climate discussions. It embodies the mutirão spirit: Collective effort and collaboration across all levels to deliver concrete results. The opening ceremony was led by Minister of Cities Jader Barbalho Filho, alongside pavilion partners and representatives of the Cities & Regions Hub, which is part of the Neighbourhood.

High-level recognition of subnational governments' role in climate action from the President of Brazil and the COP30 President

On 10 November, COP30's ceremonial opening, the President of Brazil Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (min. 0:55:40) and COP30 President Ambassador André Corrêa do Lago (min. 0:20:55),

acknowledged the role of subnational governments, emphasizing that climate action requires unity and collective determination, aligned with the mutirão spirit, which is also echoed in the LGMA COP30 Joint Position and its advocacy efforts. “The presence of governors and mayors is the most important, because subnational governments play an absolutely crucial role in implementing the decisions made at the COPs,” said Ambassador Corrêa do Lago.

[Watch the webcast >>](#)

Local leaders from Australia share insights on climate impacts

Moirá Were, Mayor of Onkaparinga shares how coastal degradation and climate impacts are transforming South Australia’s shores and communities. William Chan, Councillor of Sydney and ICLEI Global Executive Committee Member, reflects on the growing role of cities in global climate negotiations and the need for stronger collaboration with national governments.

[Watch the video >>](#)

Top headlines

El País

Governors and mayors take the lead in the climate debate at COP30 in Trump’s absence

<https://english.elpais.com/climate/2025-11-06/governors-and-mayors-take-the-lead-in-the-climate-debate-at-cop30-in-trumps-absence.html>

France24

'Health is the face of climate change': how can cities mitigate the impact of global warming

<https://www.france24.com/en/video/20251105-health-is-the-face-of-climate-change-how-can-cities-mitigate-the-impact-of-global-warming>

POLITICO

COP 30 could be the ‘People’s COP’

<https://www.politico.eu/article/cop30-uk-tony-blair-net-zero-nature-climate-change-un-conference/>

Sustainability Online

Global mayors and local leaders call for climate action at COP30

<https://sustainabilityonline.net/news/global-mayors-and-local-leaders-call-for-climate-action-at-cop30/>

GALLERY

Memorable moments from Day 1



Photo 1: Opening ceremony of the Neighbourhood of the Mutirão for Cities, Water and Infrastructure.



Photo 2: Igor Normando, Mayor of Belém, at the Neighbourhood opening.



Photo 3: LGMA Constituency high-level press conference.



Photo 3: In the center: Rafael Fonteles, Governor of the State of Piauí and President of Consórcio Nordeste, with the LGMA at the COP30 Opening Plenary.



Photo 4: Belém launches its Local Climate Action Plan, supported by ICLEI

What's on tap today at the Cities & Regions Hub

09:00 LGMA Daily Briefing

11:30 Recaatingar: Climate, economy, and technologies for the semiarid region

13:30 Local alliances for climate justice: From Rio to Belém to Tangier

16:30 Brazil–Northeast Ecological Transformation Plan

Good reads on COP30

IMAGE CITIES & REGIONS HUB



The Cities & Regions Hub is the home for multilevel action and urbanization at COP30.

[Agenda](#) | [More info](#)

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#1 - 10 November

SENT: 10 November / 12:00 CET - 08:00 BRT

Subject: LGMA COP30 Daily Update #1: It's time to lock in COP30's multilevel urban legacy

Preview: We are on the ground in Belém from 10-21 November

QUOTE/HIGHLIGHT TEXT:

"The fight against climate change must be at the center of the decisions of each government, each company, each person. The concept of *mutirão*, which translates as a collective effort around a common goal, is the spirit that will animate Belém. The participation of civil society and the engagement of subnational governments will be crucial."

President of Brazil Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva at the opening of the COP30 Climate Summit Plenary Session in Belém (state of Pará) on 6 November, 2025

LGMA AT COP30

FEATURED:

IMAGE: GIF with endorsers

50+ networks endorse the LGMA COP30 Joint Position, committed to multilevel implementation and urbanization

More than 50 local and regional government networks -representing tens of thousands of local and other subnational governments worldwide- have endorsed the [LGMA COP30 Joint Position](#), supporting its five clear messages for climate negotiators. The Position is accompanied by the LGMA Guidance for COP30 Negotiators, covering multiple agenda items.

Endorsers will be officially presented at the LGMA high-level press conference showcasing how cities and regions are turning climate ambition into action. Join us today, **10 November at 14:30 BRT in the Blue Zone, Press Conference 2, Area D**. Livestream available via [UNFCCC webcast](#) (18:30 CET)



UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, receives Joint Outcome Statement from local leaders at the COP30 World Leaders Summit

On behalf of thousands of cities, towns, and regions, the handover was led by a delegation of leaders, including ICLEI President Katrin Stjernfeldt Jammeh, Mayor of Malmö, who represented the LGMA Constituency. Together with Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris, C40 Cities' Vice Chair and Global Ambassador for the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM), as well as Igor Normando, Mayor of Belém, and Helder Barbalho, Governor of Pará, host city and state of COP30, these leaders represented a unified voice for collective global climate action. Also in attendance was Anacláudia Rossbach, Executive Director of UN-Habitat and Fatimatou Abdel Malick, President of the Regional Council of Nouakchott, Mauritania, and President UCLG Africa. The Statement, a result of the COP30 Local Leaders Forum, conveys a shared message from local leaders worldwide: Achieving the Paris Agreement goals depends on robust multilevel collaboration and improved access to finance for local climate action.

VIDEO BOX: Live from COP30

IMAGE: Yunus' thumbnail

Yunus Arian, ICLEI's Director of Global Advocacy and Focal Point of the LGMA Constituency, links the outcomes of last week's Rio de Janeiro events under the COP30 Local Leaders Forum to the LGMA's advocacy in Belém. He also welcomes participants to the main sessions at the Cities & Regions Hub, which is part of the first Neighbourhood of the Mutirão for Cities, Water and Infrastructure, located in the Blue Zone.

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IMAGE: HUB MAP

The Cities & Regions Hub

The Cities & Regions Hub is co-convened by UN-Habitat and ICLEI in its role as the focal point of the LGMA Constituency, and hosted by the Ministry of Cities of Brazil. The Hub is the Home for Multilevel Action & Urbanization at COP30. Find the Hub inside the **Blue Zone, in area B, number PV-C101**.

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Thousands of local leaders gather in Rio to turbocharge global climate action ahead of COP30

From 3-5 November, the COP30 Local Leaders Forum, co-hosted by the COP30 Presidency and Bloomberg Philanthropies, concluded with the [Local Climate Action Summit \(watch on YouTube\)](#), where local and regional leaders unveiled the Local Leaders Joint Outcome Statement. Highlights included Bloomberg's announcement of a new USD 168 million commitment to strengthen local climate leadership and the European Union's endorsement of the CHAMP Coalition.

[Read the press release](#)

The LGMA Delegation at COP30

This year, the LGMA has mobilized a delegation of nearly 200 participants, composed of elected local and subnational leaders from five continents, as well as their representatives and LGMA partners. The delegation will drive an ambitious [agenda](#) through two weeks of action and advocacy in Belém.

[See the list of the LGMA Delegation](#)

“Belém awaits you with hope, commitment and action.”

Igor Normando, Mayor of Belém, Brazil, calls on the world to help shape a just, sustainable future. From clean mobility to climate justice, the COP30 host city is proving how local action can protect both people and the planet.

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“A powerful signal,” said ICLEI President Katrin Stjernfeldt Jammeh, Mayor of Malmö, Sweden, regarding the European Commission’s endorsement of the CHAMP Coalition.

Memorable moments from the COP30 Local Leaders Forum



Photo 1: Mayors, governors, and subnational leaders from over 120 countries convened in Rio for the Forum.



Photo 2: Wade Crowfoot, California Secretary for Natural Resources. Photo 3: Local Climate

Action Summit



Photo 4: LGMA leaders and partners. Photo 5: Barbara Buffaloe, Mayor of Columbia; Lead, Environment Committee, United States Conference of Mayors.

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Let me begin by commending and congratulating the people and governments of the City of Belém, State of Pará, and Brazil, for their hospitality and professionalism in hosting COP30 in Amazonia - and particularly Ambassador André Corrêa do Lago for his passion, wisdom and leadership as well as countless colleagues in the whole COP30 Presidency team.

Thousands of local and regional leaders and their networks who came to Brazil for the Local Leaders Forum in Rio and COP30 in Belém responded to the call for an implementation COP.

The outcomes of the 4th Urbanization and Climate Ministerial elevated our collaboration with national governments.

We have felt genuine recognition for the importance of local action, multilevel cooperation and urbanization through the ministerials, progress on Action Agenda and through numerous parties calling for a mandated dialogue.

Cities, states and regions will continue to lead transitioning away from fossil fuels and confronting the realities of climate impacts , but they need support to further scale up their actions.

The Mutirão text “Cities and other subnational authorities in multilevel climate action” presents a valuable basis to advance multilevel action and urbanization achievements beyond Belém. We also note increasing references to multilevel action in Mitigation Work Programme, and Adaptation.

We warmly welcome the creation of a Just Transition Mechanism in Belém. And we stand ready to contribute to it.

Yet we need to go further than recognition and references. Not putting the implementers at the heart of the Belém Package slows the pace of national transitions at precisely the moment when we need it to accelerate.

The goal to make this the COP of Truth was the right one — but the target was not reached fully. The work of cities, states and regions demonstrate that there is no better way to close the ambition gap.

Many examples of multilevel NDCs 3.0 give us hope beyond Belém. We look forward to working with the COP30 Presidency and all other nations and partners to implement the outcomes of COP30 by putting multilevel action and urbanization at the service of global climate implementation, in particular towards the outcomes of IPCC Special Report on Cities in 2027.

Obrigado.

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